

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 12, line 21 with the following paragraph:

FIG. [2I] 3 is a perspective view of an alternative embodiment of the implant.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 49, line 25 with the following paragraph:

The embodiment of implant 61 shown in FIG. [2I] 3 is a "flowable" implant comprised of a flowable material, such as but not limited to, collagen paste, cyanoacrylate (glue/adhesive), thrombin glue, hydrogel, growth factor gelatin, etc. The flowable material can be stored in a tube (not shown) and dispensed into the tissue defect by a needle-like device, such as a syringe (not shown). The flowable material can be designed to harden slightly after placement, like an epoxy or silicon caulking material, so that it is not extruded from the puncture during tissue movement or flexing. The material could also photopolymerize like FocalSeal (Focal, Inc., Lexington, MA). The implant could contain drugs or other agents as described previously. The flowable material could be designed to have porosity by incorporating citric acid, or some other "foaming" agent, that would create pores in the implant during and/or after placement; mixing the foaming agent immediately prior to implant injection would allow foaming to occur primarily following implant, chilling the implant material would also slow the foaming reaction until the implant warmed to body temperature. The implant could also be formed by flowing two or more materials together (e.g. two-part epoxy) into the defect site such that the combination of materials suitably fills the defect site and serves to treat the wound.